

# REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

## UNITED STATES SENATE

SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of  
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service  
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

CANDIDATE: Alice G. Wells

Ms. Wells, a career Foreign Service Officer, class of Minister-Counselor, is currently a senior adviser in the Near Eastern Bureau in the Department of State. She has served at several large and challenging posts, including Riyadh, Dushanbe, Islamabad, New Delhi and Moscow, as well as in key senior domestic policy positions. Her understanding of the Middle East region and its challenges, along with her strong interagency experience, will serve her well in Jordan, a country that is a critical partner in advancing regional security, counterterrorism, economic development and political modernization objectives.

Previously, Ms. Wells served as an assessor at the Foreign Service Board of Examiners (2013). Prior to that, she was Special Assistant to the President for Russia and Central Asia in the White House (2012-2013) and Executive Assistant to Secretary of State Clinton (2011-2012). She also served as Executive Assistant to Under Secretary for Political Affairs William J. Burns (2009-2011), and before that as Minister Counselor for Political Affairs at U.S. Embassy Moscow (2006-2009). Ms. Wells previously worked as Director of Maghreb Affairs, and as Acting Director of Egypt and North African Affairs in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (2003-2005). She also served as Senior Desk Officer for Egyptian Affairs (2002-2003), as Deputy Political Counselor at U.S. Embassy New Delhi (2001-2003), and as Deputy Political Counselor at U.S. Embassy Islamabad (1998-2000). Prior to that, Ms. Wells was a Political Officer in U.S. Embassy Riyadh (1995-1997), Political and Economic Officer in U.S. Embassy Dushanbe (1992-1994), and Political-Military Officer, U.S. Embassy Riyadh (1990-1992).

Ms. Wells earned a B.A. from Stanford University and a joint M.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles/Rand Corporation. She is the recipient of numerous awards from the Department of State, including a Distinguished Service Award, six Senior Performance Awards, four Superior Honor Awards and three Meritorious Honor Awards. She speaks Russian and has studied Arabic, Urdu and Hindi.